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Re: Docket No. A2011-12 Wesleyville Post Office

POSTAL REGULATORY
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Dear Secretary Shoshana M. Grove:

I am writing to join the appeal under Docket No. A2011-12 of the United States Postal Service determination to close the Wesleyville Post Office 3112 Buffalo Road Erie, PA which by notice posted on March 18, 2011 is scheduled to permanently close at the end of the business day Friday April 22, 2011. While the U.S. Postal Service differentiates stations, branches, and post offices, customers do not recognize any differences. Customers expect and should have the same rights of appeal when a postal facility they depend on may be closed. In the November 20, 2009 listing of Post Offices under review, Wesleyville was listed without branch or station designation. Wesleyville meets the definition of a post office, which is a facility authorized by the postal system where letters are received to be sent to the persons to whom they are addressed. The August 18, 2009 questionnaire distributed to customers was not a legal document as it was simply a questionnaire. Title 39 section 243(a)(2)(i) states, "The public must be given 60 days written notice of a proposed action to enable the persons served by a post office to evaluate the proposal and provide comments. March 18, 2011 to April 22, 2011 does not represent 60 days. Title 39 section 243 (B) states that the final determination must contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision. This information was never provided. In the April 12, 2011 notice of the United States Postal Service to petitioner William A. Wittenberg, it was stated that the Postal Service estimates annual savings of \$101,992.13 which includes the clerk salary, fringe benefits, inter station transportation, rental costs plus utilities less the cost of replacement. However the annual revenue was never noted. The U.S. Postal Service will still be required to pay \$70,000 for the lease that doesn't expire until November 30, 2012.

The Wesleyville Post office should be retained because:

1. Closure would encourage residents to look for other alternatives, which could result in a permanent loss of market share for the U.S. Postal Service. It is an important part of the Wesleyville business district.
2. This office is fully utilized and meets Title 39 section 101 (b) which states in part the specific intent of Congress is "that effective postal service be insured to residents of both urban and rural communities."
3. It takes pressure off the Erie General Main Facility at 2108 E. 38th Street Erie, PA by reducing lines at that facility.
4. This facility has a high percentage of walk in business. People with out an automobile can walk to this post office and local shops. Walking saves money, provides exercise, and reduces carbon emissions.

Before making a decision on that closure, the U.S. Postal Service should hold a public hearing in Wesleyville and provide all of the quantitative documentation used to justify the closing, the potential revenue that would be lost (post office box fees, parcels, money orders, overnight mail, and other specialty services), potential impact of lost revenue on neighboring businesses, and provide the community a reasonable time to comment.

Respectfully submitted,



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